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THE HOMESTEAD.

The Radical papers, so far as we have seen, make no reports of Col Dockery's speeches. From notices in Democratic papers printed where he has spoken, and from gentlemen also entirely reliable who have heard him, we learn that eulogy of the Constitution of 1868, the Canby Constitution, is the feature of his speech. Col. Dockery's language on this subject is what is sometimes called eloquent, and sometimes designated highfaluting. The Canby Constitution, Col. Dockery says "was the grandest production of human wisdom that ever emanated from the brain of man," because it, first in North Carolina, made pro vision for a Homestead Law and personal property exemptions; for laborers' and mechanics' lien; for the rights of married women; for the abolishment of imprisonment for debt; for the election of magi strates by the people; for free sufferage in place of the old property qualification required for Senate voters. The Colonel's peroration, that is to say, what we plain North Carolina people might call the tail-eend of a spreadeagle, is to the effect that all the good ever accomplished for the State was accomplished by this Constitution and the party which made it, and that the Democrats have never done "one single thing" for the people that resulted in good.

Skipping the peroration, as that end of a spread-eagle is allowed to display itself at will, let us look into the statements made as facts, and we will take them backwards from the peroration, as that being last has been first referred to:

1. "Free Safferage" was established in 1854. Surfeen years before the Canby Constitution was thought of. begun in 1848 by Gov. David S. Reid, the first Democrat elected Governor of North Carolina. Colonel Dockery was quite old enough constitutional change.

Canby Convention. We need not discuss the results here. Some of them are noted elsewhere in the ofof negro and scalawag rule.

3. Imprisonment for debt abolishand of course the Legislature was ported from committee on the 30th, and on the same day passed its three its second reading, 24 to 12. and on their long cherished hopes. the 20th passed its third reading. 26 to 19, and became the law.

law, the lien law, and the married then solicitor in this district, for woman's law. The reader who looks, murdering Union men in the county as above advised, into the Laws of of Randolph. Can you be persuaded 1866-'67, may find on page 81, "An to vote for such a man?" act to establish freehold homesteads," &c.; which law, curtailed and abridged in value of homestead and amount of personal property exemptions, but conventions for the purpose of forcunchanged as to liens and married ing objectionable men upon us, are woman's rights, was transferred to revenue officials. Possibly, we canthe Canby Constitution of 1868 and not prevent this, but we can refuse to forms Article X of that instrument, vote for their candidates, and thereby as any one may see who will take secure the nomination of better men the trouble to examine. The bill in the future. Our would be master s which was made law by this Legisla- will see that packing conventions and ture of 1866-'67, composed as above nominating candidates is one thing, Large List CUNS and NOVELTIES FREE! stated of white men, who were of and forcing the people to vote is anothcourse Democrats, was introduced er. into the Senate by that old fashioned We had better suffer a defeat, than Democrat, Mr. Berry of Orange, and achieve a victory at the sacrifice of ORGANS decreed at every Industrial passed by a vote of 38 to 6. The principle. House passed it without dissent, as reported from a committee of conference on some points of disagree-ment.

principle.

My friends, I have said more than I intended to say when I commenced, but the Republican party is dear to my heart, and an attempt to a my heart, and an attempt to a my heart, and an attempt to a my heart.

volume, Reports of the North Caro lina Sopreme Court, pages 396-405, is a report of the case of Garrett vs. Chesh ire. The decision of the Court -which consisted of the five Rali cal Judges, Pearson, Reade, Rodman, Settle and Boyden-was pronounced by Judge Edwin G. Reade. It is skin, and is absolutely not injurious. all interesting reading, but we have space only for the paragraphs relating to the matter in hand, which show that the Radical Constitution abridged the exemptions established New Store. New Goods. by the Democrats not only in 1866,

but so far back as in 1856. Judge

Reade says: "Our act of 1856, Rev. Code, exempts personal property, articles by name, which may be of the value of several hundred doltars, more or less, Caledonia, N. C., on the Scotland Neck according to the circumstances of of the debter's family. And in 1866-'67, prior to the existence of the debt in the case before us. an DRY GOODS, act was passed exempting " all neces. sary farming and mechanical tools, one work-horse, one yoke of oxen, one cart or wagon, one milch cow and calf, fifteen head of hogs, 500 lbs of pork or bacon, 50 bushels of corn, 20 bushels of wheat, household and kitchen furniture not exceeding \$200 in value; the libraries of attorneys at law, practising physicians and ministers of the gospel, and the instruments of surgeons and dentists, used in their profession." Acts of 1866-'67, chapter 61.

"It is apparent that an allotment of those articles approximate \$1,000. and in may cases would exceed that sum in value. And the same act allaws a homestead of 100 acres, without restriction as to value, which in many cases would be worth, with the improvements, many thousands.

"In 1858 our constitution was Still at his old stand on the corner at the adopted, and in that our present The Constitution was amended in homestead law is limited to \$1,000 that year, the result of the movement reality, not in fee simple, but for a limited time, and personally to the value of \$500. Can it be said of our homestead laws, as the learned Judge said of the Georgia law, that any one in 1848 to take an active interest in in casting his eye over them, as comdefeating Gov. Reid and his proposed pared with former exemptions, would be struck by the magnitude of 2. The election of magistrates was the increase? Our homestead law taken from the Legislature by the is not an increase, but a restriction upon former exemptions."

The Union-Republican prints under he had of "Important Correspon- H ATS & CAPS ficial county statements, and few the head of "Important Corresponpeople have forgotten the evil days dence" a letter from a number of Republicans, who, it says, are the most substantial and influential citizens of ed. Most readers of this paper can their community, calling on Mr Raufind in their neighborhood a copy som Phipps to advise them what to of the Laws of 1866-'67. If they do politically. Mr. Phipps' answer will turn to page 85, they will find is also given. He declares his devo-"An act to abolish imprisonment for tion to the Republican party. "If debt;" and this act is precisely what men say that it has performed its was put in the Constitution of 1868 mission, and ought to be destroyed, by the Canby Convention. In 1866, let us take no part in its destruction." negroes did not vote and white men He then shows that Liberalism or then, as white men uow, were Demo- coalition means the destruction of crats. The Legislature was white, the Republican party. We quote:

"Are you ready to abandon the almost unanimously Democratic. Republican party, and join a new The bill to abolish imprisonment for political organization, which is to be debt was introduced into the House controled by men who have spent on January 24th, 1867, by Mr. Dar- the better portions of their lives in gan of Anson, Democrat; was re- committing and in justifying the ferred on the 29th to a special com- commission of all the crimes which mittee of three Democrats, Messrs. have perpetrated in the interest of In fact everything kept in a first-class the Democratic party.

As they failed in their efforts to destroy the Republican party, I supreadings by 87 to 19. It came up in pose they now think that by organizthe Senate on February 12th, passing | iag a new party, they can accomplish

I understand that their nominee for Judge of the Supreme Court, was 4. The Homestead and Exemption indicated by Judge Settle, who was

He closed in these words : "The principal advocrtes of the new movement, and those who pack

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THE COMMONWEALTH. stead and Exemption laws then and Secession Whigs. I feel confident therefore existing. Col. Dockery that there were enough honest Demmay say that this matter of legal ocrats who would have co-operated construction, and may intimate that with us, and carried the State, if we we know no more of law than the had nominated a good Republican evidently little known to him. So ticket. We have been sold out, but we will cite authority that he will if we are true to ourselves, the 7th of not venture to dispute. In the 69th November will tell if we can be de livered. Very truly, your frienb, RANSOM PHIPPS."

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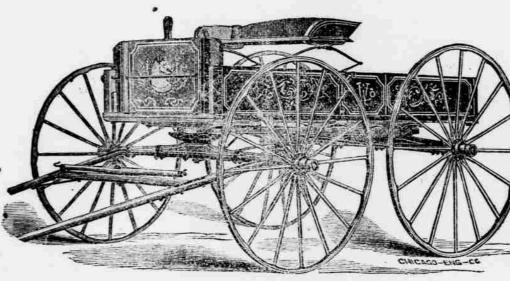


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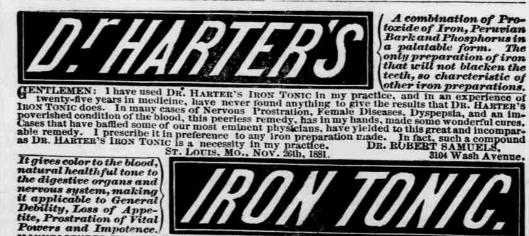


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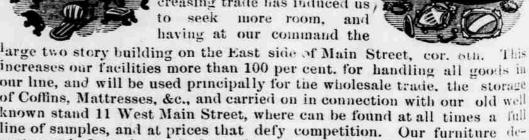
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